GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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DECLINE IN EXPLORATION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is continuous decline in exploration programme undertaken by Coal India Limited, Singareni Collieries Company Limited and Neyveli Lignite Corporation since 1999 as well as in budgetary provisions therefor:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to catalyse the exploration programmes?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COAL & MINES (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI)

(a) & (b): There has been decline in the exploration undertaken by CIL and NLC compared to 1999-2000. However, in SCCL, the exploration will continue to be almost at the same level. The details are given below:-

(Lakh m)

Sl.No.	Company	1999-2000 (Actual)	2000-2001 (Actual)	2001-2002 (Actual)	2002-2003 (Programmed)
(A)	CIL				
(i)	Promotional drilling	0.97	0.33	0.44	0.49
(ii)	Detailed Drilling in CIL Blocks	2.05	1.63	1.25	1.48
(iii)	Detailed Drilling in Non-CIL Blocks	0.13	0.77	1.07	0.42
Total		3.15	2.73	2.76	2.39
(B)	SCCL				
(i)	Promotional drilling	0.28	0.11	0.18	0.17
(ii)	Detailed Drilling	0.60	0.65	0.65	0.56
Total		0.88	0.76	0.83	0.73
(C)	NLC				

(i) Promotional drilling	0.70	0.52	0.64	0.54
(ii) Detailed Drilling	0.05	0.08		0.04
Total	0.75	0.60	0.64	0.58

The actual expenditure/budgetary provision for the above years are given below:-

(In Rs. crores)

Scheme	1999-2000 Budget provision	1999-2000 Actual expenditure	2000-01 Budget provision	2000-01 Actual expenditure	2001-02 Budget provision	2001-02 Actual expenditure	2002-03 Budget provision
Promotional exploration	32.56	32.56	30.37	30.37	31.61	31.61	31.18
Detailed Drilling in non-CIL	5.38	5.38	10.00	10.00	45.85	45.85	12.53

Detailed Drilling done by CIL, SCCL and NLC for their own blocks is funded through the internal resources of the respective companies and will continue during X plan as per their requirement.

(c): Government is funding promotional drilling in coal and lignite and detailed drilling in non-CIL blocks. The proposed funding for X plan is given below:-

X Plan

	Drilling (Lakh M)	Budget Estimate (Rs. in crores)
Detailed Drilling for non-CIL blocks.	2.13	70.66
Promotional Drilling (including other exploration services, creation of coal and lignite data base and CBM studies.)	6.00	275.80